

# WEEKLY CHAMPION.

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## STOCK NOTES.

The plan was simple enough, says a writer in the Globe-Democrat. A piece of blanket was taken and wrung out after being dipped in water. A common frying pan was then heated nearly red hot. The wet blanket was applied over the brand and the red-hot pan pressed hard against it. The steam generated, scalded the hair clean off, and the job was done. In a few months the hair would grow again, and a new brand was put on. The same plan is adopted by horse thieves. Then again the fellows had a kind of branding iron with which they could change a number of brands. I once heard a Texan boast of a man in Presidio county, Texas, who started in fifty years ago with only two cows and a branding iron, and is to-day worth \$100,000. I told him I knew half a dozen men in New Mexico who started in with nothing but the branding iron and are to-day worth \$200,000. The branding iron has laid the foundation of many respectable fortunes.

The great strike on the railroads has effected the cattle market as well as almost every other industry. Shippers were afraid to start their cattle to market, buyers were afraid to handle clear on to the consumer, who bought if he had the money. Men who a month ago would have bought cattle at good prices, have since refused to buy, waiting to see what would be the outcome of the labor trouble. This, of course, in the east where shipments are bought and sold on speculation, depending on fast transportation. The live stock dealer, as well as the other business men, has suffered by the strike.—Live Stock Journal.

Head & Hearst are about to place 12,000 head of additional stock upon their extensive ranges throughout Grant county, and as a starter have purchased 1,000 female cattle from J. C. Beatty, of El Paso, 3,000 head of beefs from the Corralitas company in Mexico, 3,000 young female Texas cattle, to be delivered in May, and 70 head of mares from C. W. Merchant, of San Simon valley. As there are thousands of head of stock offered very low at present both in New Mexico and Texas, Head & Hearst will have no trouble in securing the desired number in a very short time.—Silver City Enterprise.

IMPROVED STOCK CARS.—The question of improved stock cars is one of considerable importance to everyone how handles live stock. The fact that beef is soon to go to the market dressed need not lessen the interest felt in improved cars for live cattle, for there will always be a demand for just such cars as will transport stock with safety and comfort. In fact, the demand will become more urgent as stock is improved, and it is only a question of time when cars much more suitable than those now used will be the only ones run on the roads handling large numbers of cattle or horses.—Stock Growers Journal.

It is suggested by a live stock paper that the cattlemen in Arizona pray for rain. While we acknowledge the power and good of prayer, we suggest that the time put in on watered prayers be put in on artesian wells and digging ditches to run water to the ranges. And then if they get much rain the granger will make up his mind that that is a pretty good farming country, when it will be far well to the ranges. If prayers are offered for rain out there, petition for just enough to start the grass good and no more.—L. J.

The manner of putting out a prairie fire adopted by stockmen in this country would appear curious to parties unacquainted with the business. The Rocking Chair boys had to slay yearlings to use as darts to extinguish the flames that threatened to destroy their range.—Mabette Panhandle.

Percent drought in New South Wales have cost the colony 24,000,000 sheep within the last five years. This decrease represents a loss of \$40,000,000, principally due to the lack of proper works for the storage of water which would have saved animal life in the dry seasons.

Chicago and Michigan pine owners have purchased 1,450,000 acres of Government lands in Louisiana and Mississippi at \$1.25 per acre. The lands hold 15,000,000,000 feet of standing timber.

Stockmen are always wide awake to their interests, and as an instance we quote the action of their petitioning the commissioners of Yavapai county, Arizona, not to tax spring calves and colts, for the reason that when the assessor first starts out, there would

be found a third or fourth less crop than would be found on the last ranches he would visit later in the season, throwing the burden of the taxes on those he called on last. It is an idea and a question of equalization of taxes that has never been raised before, and the best way out of it is not to assess the calves and colts at all.—Globe Live Stock Journal.

Wyoming cattle kings have purchased 67,200 acres in Hillsboro and Manatee counties, Fla., for a cattle range. The price paid was \$84,500 cash.

A fire occurred recently at Yorkville, L. I., in which a stable of racers were burned, valued at \$20,000.

The noted trotter "Phallas," has been sold for \$50,000 to a Minnesota man.

## CENTRAL ARIZONA.

Climate, Soil, and Productions.—A General Answer to Many Inquiries Relative to this part of Arizona.

This portion of Arizona is a vast plateau, varying in altitude from 5,000 to 7,000 feet above the sea, with here and there a peak rising to an height of from 9,000 to 13,000 feet. These higher elevations, situated with remarkable regularity throughout the central portion of Yavapai county, are a local and constant source of moisture to the adjacent parks and foot-hills, from the blankets of snow that cover them during six to eight months of the year. During the open period of the winter months and in early spring great snows of water flow from these vast snow beds, to be swallowed up at last by the insatiable sands of the distant plain.

A new era is dawning in regard to the water supply of Arizona, in the construction of artificial basins and a system of dikes that will be used to catch a portion of the escaping waters and it will eventually be hoarded up and used with the same economy and care by which we subside and bring to our aid any other useful element.

The annual rain-fall begins in the month of June and lasts until September. It comes in gentle showers and with admirable regularity, stimulating a wonderful growth in a remarkable short period of time. Wheat, rye, oats, barley and millet are grown without irrigation, yielding an abundant and profitable crop. Corn is successfully grown in the valleys and basins below an altitude of 6,000 feet. All kinds of root vegetables flourish and grow to enormous size and are of excellent quality, commanding a price in the "home market" that to an Eastern or Northwestern farmer would seem fabulous. Although 10,000 pounds of potatoes per acre is but an average yield, such is the local demand from our adjacent mining camps, saw mills and railway towns, it has never been supplied by the home production. Cultivation is not required, and no other labor beyond the preparation of the soil, planting and gathering, is bestowed upon the crop.

The entire country is singularly free from farm weeds and obnoxious growth that are the bane of the Eastern husbandman. There is a growing demand for hay, and many ranchmen find it more profitable to utilize their growing crops for that purpose by cutting and curing it before the grain is fully matured.

All that portion of the great plateau above 6,000 feet is covered with magnificent forests of pine, with intervening glades of mountain parks and prairies. Grazing is the leading industry of the northern portion of Yavapai county. The water supply is plentiful, and rigid economy will be required in the future. The scarcity of water in Arizona is at present a safeguard against our ranges being overrun by herds from the crowding ranges of other localities.

It is essentially a country for the poor man or the stock grower beginning life with moderate means. The springs and tanks afford permanent water for miles apart, giving a supply in each place sufficient for a small herd of from 100 to 500 head of stock. Around these water supplies, the hundreds of square miles of nutritious mountain grasses, any ten acres of which is capable of keeping one animal throughout the year. By the construction of the artificial basins and dikes before referred to, water may be saved and utilized in proportion to the demands of the increasing herds. The local market for the stock of the adjacent cities, our animals are not only marketable but in prime condition during the year.

The Atlantic & Pacific railway runs central through this section east and west, and the company owns alternate sections of land. They offer special inducements to capitalists or colonists requiring large tracts of land, and do not in this section require of quantities less than 50,000 acres. The remaining lands are subject to homestead and preemption rights. The past two years show a perceptible increase in the filings and settlements of these Government lands, but as yet they are practically untouched.

The pine forest of this section is 60 miles wide and in length extends two dte miles of the territory referred to in this article. As a whole it is larger than the State of Maryland, and an agreeable revelation to the traveler who, in keeping with the popular belief of our eastern pug-bros, imagines a crossing Arizona he is about to traverse a barren and sandy waste.

The lumber product of the great saw mill in all these pine tracts has a ready market in Old Mexico Southern California, and New Mexico, with increasing local demand. The railway towns and principal markets of this section are Holbrook, Winslow, Flagstaff, Williams and Ash Fork. The relative merits of these towns need not here be discussed, being about equal in importance, and each peopled with energetic, hospitable and progressive citizens.

Schools, churches and social amusements prevail. The interest manifested in all matters pertaining to social progress is perhaps greater than in eastern towns of like numbers. Aside from pulmonary complaints among those not acclimated, there is no sickness. Fevers and all forms of malarial diseases are unknown. Arizona's least need is doctors. The southern and central portion of Yavapai county is rich in mineral-bearing ledges and placer gold fields. Recent discoveries in Cataract gorge, north of the Hill Williams mountain, led fair to rival in some respects those of our older camps. During the summer season persons visiting the Cataract regions may procure "outfits" and find the place accessible from either Ash Fork, Wil-

lams or Flagstaff. The lack of proper machinery to treat the ores of this section is at present the greatest drawback to mining interests. No mining country of like area can show such uniform value in all one ore ducts as this portion of the territory, and the amount of ores now being shipped to distant works for treatment should be substantial proof that reduction works capable of treating the refractory ores of our mineral bearing localities would be a profitable investment for its founders. There are too hostile Indians in this portion of Arizona.

The land is strewn with the ruined habitations and relics of prehistoric races. High on the walls of each mountain gorge and canon may be found the ruined pueblos of the cliff dwellers, from the single hut to vast cities widely scattered throughout the land. On the mesas and plains we find some of the like antiquity. Here is a vast pyramid and pile, with an occasional wall that has stood the wearing of the elements, standing yet to a height of two or three stories to give some conception of the workmanship and architecture of this departed people.

There yet remains hundreds of thousands of square miles of virgin country, practically unexplored, with resources untapped and possibilities unknown.

Deer, antelope, bear and wild turkey are to be found in great numbers, with Oak Creek fourteen miles southwest of Flagstaff literally swarming with mountain sheep. The climate is mild, temperate and regular to a wonderful degree, and the country is generally free from venomous reptiles and insects. A brief visit is a treat during the heated season for the tourist and traveler—a Paradise to anyone weary of the ceaseless tide of humanity in our crowded thoroughfares and resorts of the East.

The Grand Canon of the Colorado, the greatest crevasse on the face of the earth, may be reached by a valley route from Peach Springs on the A. & P. R., by a journey of eighteen miles. By ascending the head of this route the traveler reaches the river at the foot of the walls, and views the magnificent temples above him. The crest of the gorge may be reached from Flagstaff in two days' drive over a delightful country. The point reached by this route is the highest elevation on the great range, where the river bursts through a mountain range at an elevation of 8,000 feet. Scenery at this point is described as being of unrivaled magnificence and grandeur. The gorge is here eighteen miles from crest to crest, presenting a bewildering array of architectural forms. Canyons to the great depths, with their wild beauty and thrilling and novel influences, give an impression never to be forgotten and wholly impossible to describe.

## Good Legislation.

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**The Arizona Cattle Co.**—B. B. Bullwinkle, General Manager. Brand: cattle, A I on left ribs; water on each cheek; slit in each ear; horses, A I on left shoulder. Range, Fort Moroni, Yavapai county, Ariz.; P.O., Flagstaff.

**The Arizona Cattle Co.** have purchased the brand published below, formerly owned by Saunders & France. Cattle branded X left side, horses on left side; ear mark, crop and box in right, crop off left. Most all the cattle also branded and vented (X) on right side. Horses X on left shoulder.

**Alex F. McAllister**—Cattle branded (1) on left hip; ear marks, circular puncture and slit in left ear; horses branded the same on left shoulder; range, Canon Diablo and Little Colorado river; dairy and stock ranch, Canon Diablo, P.O. address, Flagstaff, Arizona.

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**Wm. Munds**—Cattle branded on right hip; ear mark, crop off left and under half crop in right; range, Upper Verde and Mogollon mountains; P. O. address, Flagstaff, Ariz.

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